

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.461]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Boone County Sheriff's Sale of Slaves

Abstract: Flyer advertising a Sheriff's sale in Boone County in 1863 that includes names and ages of slaves.

Extent: 1 item

Physical Description: Newsprint

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIF

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Today, according to Chapters 92 and 141 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), sheriffs may hold sales of property for which the owners have not paid taxes or for which the probate courts have provided authorization. Similar rules were in effect in 1863 when this particular sale in Boone County occurred. Slaves were considered property, thus allowing for the public sale of enslaved human beings. Slavery ended in the United States in 1865.

This particular ad appeared in the newspaper Columbia Missouri Statesman on three different occasions:

April 17, 1863, page 2
April 24, 1863, page 3
May 1, 1863, page 1

The newspaper can be found at the State Historical Society of Missouri on microfilm reel 7550.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

Boone County Probate case files and record books have been digitized from Archives microfilm and placed online at FamilySearch:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/image/index?owc=QZ9D-7QQ%3A1339203501%3Fcc%3D2399107>.

The Laws of Missouri, available online through Missouri Digital Heritage here:

<http://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/molaws>.

Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri's microfilm collection, specifically reel #7550.

SHERIFF'S SALE ADVERTISEMENT, 1863

Arrangement: N/a

Scope and Content

Flyer measures 12 ½" x 19". This item has been used in children's textbooks to teach about slavery and copies are frequently shown during tours of the Missouri State Archives.

Item has been scanned as a 200dpi TIFF and is on the Z Drive.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1A/3/3	OB48	(none)	Boone County Sheriff's Sale flyer	05/09/1863